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In re Application of: RAO et al.)	Examiner:	Daniel J. Jenkins
Application Number: 10/721,215)	Group Art Unit:	1742
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For: NITRIDED VALVE METALS AND PROCESSES FOR MAKING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2005, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making any response due on or before September 25, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.